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SENSATIONAL GEN. MEETING

Vice and Decent Rampant!!!
APPALLING DISCLOSURES

S. R. C. MEMBERS REVILED

SHOCKING ALLEGATIONS

(By a Special Correspondent)

The best General Meeting for two years was held on Thursday, 16th September. It lasted for over three lively hours, and a good time was had by most.

The first half of the meeting dealt with dull subjects like elections and liquor licences. These are reported elsewhere in this issue.

At half past nine, after warming up, the meeting turned to the Big Issue, the Bomb. The President said the meeting was not called in consequence of the Petition, because it had been changed after some people signed it (cries of 'Shame', 'No', 'Rubbish', etc.). The President called for a motion. Mr. Yell sprang to his feet and said that the meeting condemned the action of the S.R.C. in buying a bomb. Mr. Packer seconded, and the field was away to a good start.

Mr. Yell said the method of going about the buying of the vehicle had been snide and underhand, and he had resigned for this reason. He left the rest of his speech to be said later. Mr. Parker said the method of purchase had been snide and underhand, and deserving of censure in itself. Moreover what was the bomb for? The college had a truck to carry beer: people would willingly lend their own cars for any rag: the Sports Clubs obviously did not want to be helped, because the President of the Sports Council had resigned from the S.R.C. The expense was completely unjustified.

Mr. Yell spoke again, to amplify his remarks. Then Mr. Ironmonger arose and asked the Chairman a series of questions about the purchase. How

much had the thing cost? Did it work? What was to happen to it? Mr. Edwards replied that it cost £20, less 18/4½ contributed by students at the end of term dance; and that £4 had been spent on insurance (which you have to have before you can move a car), and £1 on a new battery, and £1/10/- on other details like light-globes.

Mr. Ironmonger then continued his speech and said that he considered the purchase justified, to arouse interest. And hadn't it? A meeting of 30 students was assembled, an unheard-of event, particularly in third term.

Others spoke, usually briefly. Mr. J.L. Melhuish the other resignee; Mr. L. Lazarides; Mr. Booth; Mr. E. Visbord, who aroused storms of protest by speaking to the wrong motion vehemently, flinging mud in all directions.

The meeting was rowdy. There was a flow of interjections, and continuing bursts of laughter. Mr. Packer was particularly hard hit, due to his known association with a certain local newspaper. References were made in the best of humour, to the lady who gave birth to a perambulator. An interjector pointed out that you could hardly blame Mr. Packer for that. Only Mr. Low of the early speakers was heard in comparative silence.

Mr. Low said that out of a small budget, like Canberra's, such an expenditure was unwarranted. Even the big universities, like Sydney, had never bought a bomb. And none of the purposes of the purchase, as publicised, had come to fruition.

From affable, the atmosphere of the meeting turned at one point to barbed invective. Charges were flung about: motives were impugned. Some smoothing down took place later.

There was nothing like strict order of debate. Several people spoke twice, and two people spoke more often than that. Mr. Packer spoke five times, and Mr. Yell seven.

A motion that the question be now put was moved three times in the early stages by Mr. Packer. The first two were defeated with four people supporting them. On the third time, the Chairman exercised his discretion to ignore the motion. Mr. Packer moved prompt dissent from the ruling. This was lost. Three people supported.

After discussion had gone on for an hour and a quarter the S.R.C. case had still not been put by any S.R.C. member. Finally Mr. Edwards rose, and put it.

He said the reason for the purchase was to arouse interest. For two years the S.R.C. had struggled without success: now it resorted to sterner measures. The bomb had not been registered, pending the meeting's decision, and hence it could not be used yet. But it would be. The expenses were being kept down. Members of the S.R.C. proposed to pay for the petrol out of their own pockets. They had spent hours of their time on the thing, and proposed to paint it, also out of their own pockets. Nor was the money irrecoverable. The car market, to those who knew it, promised a 200% profit on the capital cost on resale in a working condition (which it was not bought in). It was therefore a good buy. The Association was getting mechanics' time free.

When he sat down, a closure motion was immediately moved and carried with five dissents. The motion of condemnation was lost 8 - 17, with 6 people abstaining or not bothering to vote.

There was then a short discussion on the future use of the bomb, and the meeting closed at 11.10 p.m. 31 tired students crawled home to bed.

EDITORIAL

There is a letter to the Editor in this edition which raises an old bogey. Who is to be the Editor of "Woroni"? Of course, Mr. Shakespeare is right, in most of what he says.

For years, a small group (a very small group) of devoted students has kept this rag going. This year, they have done better than ever. 11 issues have appeared. That is quite an achievement, and earns higher recognition than it has got up to date.

There was a lot of talk among some after the last two issues that "Woroni" was biased about the Bomb. Well, I have heard it said that its Editorial on the subject was quite fair. Certainly it tried to be. But the problem goes deeper than that.

There are very few people around here who are interested enough to take "Woroni" on, even though it involves no peddling of advertising and very little printing trouble. Now, the S.R.C. has to have nine members. Is it any wonder that, when it is casting about looking for them it should look at "Woroni"? Its eyes, of course, then light up. It says, "ah, a Must." The Editor is on the S.R.C. before he can help himself. That is one way it happens. The other is even simpler. The S.R.C. advertises for an Editor. None comes forward. What is it to be? No "Woroni", or one put out by the S.R.C. itself (more or less)?

That is the problem. Of course it is better to have an editorial policy which is independent of the S.R.C. But how do you achieve it?

BOOK EXCHANGE

At the beginning of the current academic year the S.R.C. instituted an arrangement whereby students were able to buy and sell their used text-books. Although the scheme did not get under way until March, its success was considerable - about 150 books passed through the exchange - and it has been decided that it should be continued.

The procedure for the Exchange which is located in the S.R.C. office in the Students' Common Room, is as follows:-

Any student having books which he wishes to sell should bring them to the Book Exchange, marked with the price which he wishes to obtain for them. The books in stock will be advertised and any student who wishes to buy any book in stock can do so by calling at the Exchange. When books are sold the vendors will be told to that effect and may then call at the Exchange to collect any monies held for them. A charge of 3d. per book sold will be made to cover the expenses of the Exchange; this will be added to the price of each book.

There are at present a few books in hand which were not sold during 1954, and these will be offered to students again next year. It has been decided, however, that, in future, books will be held in the Exchange only until the end of first term at which time owners should call at the Exchange and collect any books which have not been sold. Students bringing in books for sale will be asked to sign a statement agreeing to the Exchange procedure. Although the books held in stock are covered by insurance the S.R.C. accepts no general responsibility for their safe-keeping.

Students who have taken courses at the College during 1954 are urged to bring in any books which they may wish to sell as soon as possible after the end of the examinations, as it is hoped to have a good stock of books on hand when enrollments commence in 1955. The Book Exchange will be open on Saturday mornings throughout the summer vacation, with the exception of a three-week period over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

M. King.

S.R.C. Elections

There will be a new and quite different method of election for the S.R.C. next year. This was agreed to in principle at the General meeting on the 16th. The details will be worked out by the S.R.C. and put before another general meeting later.

S.R.C. Membership.

The General Meeting agreed on a tightening of the provisions for S.R.C. membership. In future, if any member misses two S.R.C. meetings without leave his place will be automatically forfeited.

Liquor Licence

The General Meeting discussed a suggestion that a permanent liquor licence should be obtained for the college. The S.R.C. was instructed to examine the details of the scheme.

New Publication

A new publication has appeared in the Students' Common Room. It is the "Southern Universities' News" published by the National Union of Australia University Students and the New Zealand University Students Association on behalf of the students of South East Asia and Australiasia. The "News" is to be published quarterly and we have arranged for copies to be airmailed to the College as they appear. Relevant extracts will appear in Woroni from time to time.

An appreciation

Of Mavis King, who was Editor of this paper for all of last year and for most of this year until her honours work forced her to give it up. A great deal of effort not fully appreciated by the students in general.

This is the last number for 1954.

POSITIVELY....

The last time you get the chance to read Woroni for seven weary months.

Make the most of it. All suggestions gratefully received.

AND BEST OF LUCK IN THE EXAMS. FROM ALL THE EDITORIAL STAFF AND THE S.R.C.

SOCIAL EVENING AND GENERAL MEETING

LAST WEEK OF TERM

In the last week of this term a General Meeting will be held to consider Regulations for elections next year, and any General Business. After the meeting, which should be short, there will be a

SOCIAL EVENING

Beer

Sandwiches.

COLLEGE RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

At the end of second term, as part of their training in social psychology, the members of the Psychology Part I class found themselves condemned to carry out a survey of opinion among present students of the College concerning it's future needs for residential accommodation. For this purpose a stratified random sample was taken of students enrolled for degree courses and a spot of intensive training in interviewing was given to the members of the Psychology class. In all 34 students were interviewed and the results obtained were as follows.

All students believed that residential accommodation should be provided for full-time students and nearly all thought it should also be provided for part-time students. We asked them whether they wanted University type residential colleges or hostels such as are provided for public servants in Canberra and a small majority plumped for the Colleges, mainly on the grounds that in them you would get the proper University spirit and atmosphere. The next topic was on the vexed question of segregation - or otherwise - of the sexes, and we found that a small majority believed in mixed accommodation (cheers!) It is noteworthy that 70% of the men and 100% of the women over 26 years of age wanted mixed colleges while the younger age-groups were fairly evenly divided on the subject. The main reason given for wanting mixed colleges was because of the social atmosphere they would engender, while the majority of those who wanted segregation of the sexes wanted it because they thought the presence of the opposite sex would distract them from their studies. (!)

Almost all students believed that the residential accommodation provided should not be under denominational control. The majority of students chose a bedroom and a small private study as the most desirable of the alternative types of accommodation suggested - the others being a bedroom with a shared study or a large unshared bed-sitting room. They wanted this type of accommodation because they preferred to study alone and to choose their own friends (independent types these!)

Surprisingly enough, in view of the large numbers of public servants among our students, 84% of those interviewed decided that they wanted the residential accommodation to be with the College irrespective of its location, because of the importance of being close to facilities such as the Library. Ninety-seven per cent of those interviewed believed that sporting facilities should be provided in close proximity to the residential accommodation and the types of facilities favoured were, in order of preference, tennis courts, a gymnasium, an oval, a swimming pool and a squash court.

Members of the Psych. I. class would like to thank all students interviewed for their readiness to cooperate in this survey.

M.K.
PSYCH. I.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, "WORONI".
Dear Sir,

Now that we are at last about to get rid of the old S.R.C., and get in someone who is willing to do a bit of real work (and not just five or ten hours a week), it is time that someone had a look at "Woroni". Ø

Who has been running it all these months? Who is the real power behind it? Who decides what is to go in? More specifically, who decided that the three poems which I contributed during the year were NOT to?

I suggest that if it is thoroughly investigated it will be found that there is a handful of people, seven or eight at the most, who have had the lion's share of the say. This is something which should not be tolerated in a democratic community, and I hope that the new S.R.C. will take most vigorous action to see that more of the students of the College, of whom there are, after all, over 400, are given a share in this paper which is put out in their name.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

O/ Obviously written before the Meeting. A little premature. Ed.

END-OF-YEAR REVEL!

After the exams

DANCING ——— NOVELTIES

BEER ——— SUPPER

To celebrate the end of the College year

FROM 8.30 : INFORMAL

WATCH FOR FURTHER
DETAILS



CHILDRENS XMAS PARTY

In response to a large number of requests the S.R.C. has decided to organise a

CHILDRENS XMAS PARTY

early in December this year. The party will be held at the College between 2.30 - 5.30 p.m. and all married students are invited to nominate their kiddies for the fun.

As it is impossible to estimate requirements for a function of this nature without knowing the numbers likely to attend, it is essential that your nominations be received early. If you desire your child or children to attend will you please fill in the following details and detach this form and leave it in the S.R.C. office (Students' Common Room) or ring John Edwards at F04, before 15th of October.

NAME:

No. of Children attending:

Approximate Ages:

December 4th -- Saturday!!

REMEMBER. THIS IS THE DO FOR MARRIED STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!!

There will be no charge.